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Clinton Coalition Receives State Award for Innovative Anti-Drug Efforts

CLINTON – Iowa's Drug Policy Coordinator presented a Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy *IDEA* award to the Gateway ImpACT Coalition of Clinton on Friday, in recognition of the organization's *Innovation, Determination and Excellence in Action* to reduce substance abuse.

"For many years, this community coalition has pushed the envelope with outstanding leadership and service to improve the health and safety of area residents," said Steve Lukan, Director of the Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP). "The Gateway ImpACT Coalition is a model for how members of a community can successfully tackle important issues of mutual concern."

"From educating citizens about the dangers of using marijuana and methamphetamine, to preventing the abuse of synthetic and prescription drugs, to reducing underage drinking and protecting drug endangered children, the Gateway ImpACT Coalition has repeatedly pioneered new and effective approaches emulated by others," said Lukan.

Friday's award was presented during the annual breakfast of the Gateway ImpACT Coalition (formerly known as the Clinton Substance Abuse Council), attended by numerous community leaders.

The annual *IDEA* award was established by ODCP in 2011 to recognize exemplary service and leadership that demonstrably improves the health and safety of Iowans through innovative prevention, treatment, enforcement or other drug control initiatives. Each year, ODCP honors one organization and one individual for their public service. This year's individual honoree will be named later.

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